



Assessing Eligibility for Residential Services

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Division of Developmental Disabilities



How is developmental disability defined?

- A disability attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or another neurological or other condition of an individual. . . closely related to mental retardation or to require similar treatment . . . (**RCW 71A.10.020**).
- Disability must originate prior to eighteenth birthday.
- Condition is expected to continue indefinitely, and constitutes a substantial handicap to the individual.
- Limitations to intellectual and/or adaptive functioning.
- Neither financial nor service needs are considered when making this determination.
- *A determination that a person meets the definition of a developmental disability makes that person a client of DDD. Services are dependent on the availability of funding and /or eligibility for the specific service.*



How does the public establish contact with DDD?

- School Referrals / Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP)
- Telephone or Internet.
- Parent Organizations
- Medical Practitioners
- When applying for other services such as Medicaid, a referral is made.
- Crises driven:
 - Aging caregiver
 - Family illness / emergency
 - Behavior driven



Primary Assessment Tools Used by the Department

- The **Mini Assessment**
- The **Full Assessment** (effective 2006)
 - Currently the Comprehensive Assessment
- The **CARE Assessment**



The Mini Assessment

- Administered by a DDD case manager.
- Administered to people who currently are not receiving a paid service.
- Used to capture data on clients currently not receiving any paid DD services.
- Mini assessment covers 16 domains of daily life and consists of 24 questions.
- Provides a high level view of client need and assists in prioritizing who receives further assessment.
- The Mini Assessment will remain in use as an element of the future Full Assessment tool.



Mini Assessment – Domains Covered

- Housing
- Caregiver / Support System
- Safety
- Community Protection
- Behavior
- Financial / Subsistence
- Physical Health
- Mental Health
- Personal Care Assistance
- Education
- Employment
- Social / Community Participation
- Legal
- Communication
- Adaptive Equipment
- Transportation



Persons who require additional assessment after receiving the Mini Assessment will receive:

- Comprehensive Assessment & Reporting Evaluation (**CARE**)
- The **Comprehensive Assessment**
- Currently, the Comprehensive Assessment consists of a compilation of multiple assessment tools including:
 - CARE, Respite Assessment, ICF/MR Level of Care, Plan of Care, and the Individual Service Plan



The CARE Assessment Tool

- Is currently used to determine level of need for Medicaid Personal Care (MPC).
- Measures need for assistance with tasks of daily living (ADL).
- Is administered by a case manager.
- The CARE tool will remain in use as an element of the future Full Assessment tool for persons with DD.

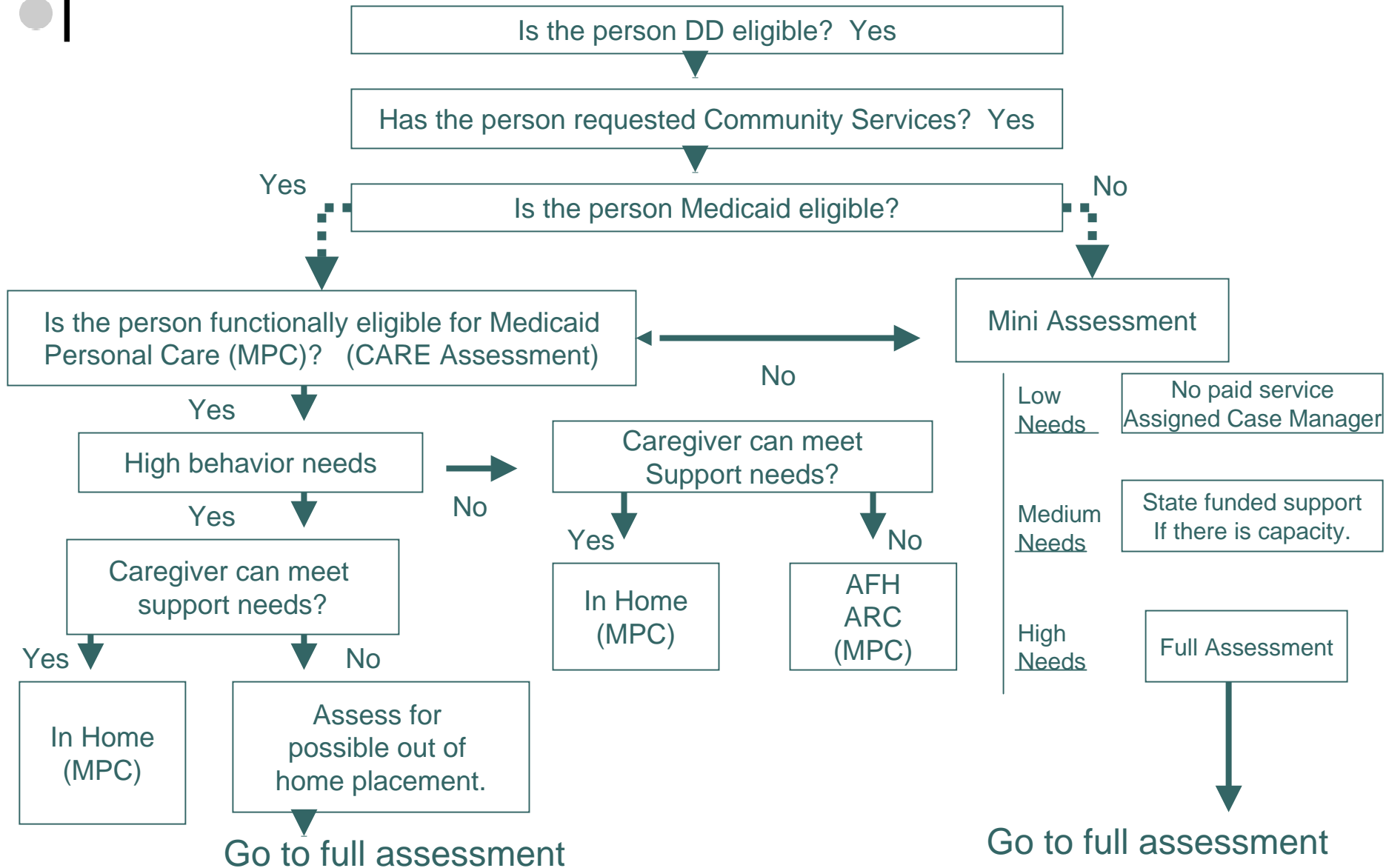


The Comprehensive Assessment

- Currently consists of multiple assessment tools.
- Is administered by a case manager.
- The Department will combine the assessment tools currently comprising the Comprehensive Assessment into one assessment tool, the **FULL ASSESSMENT**, by Fall 2006.

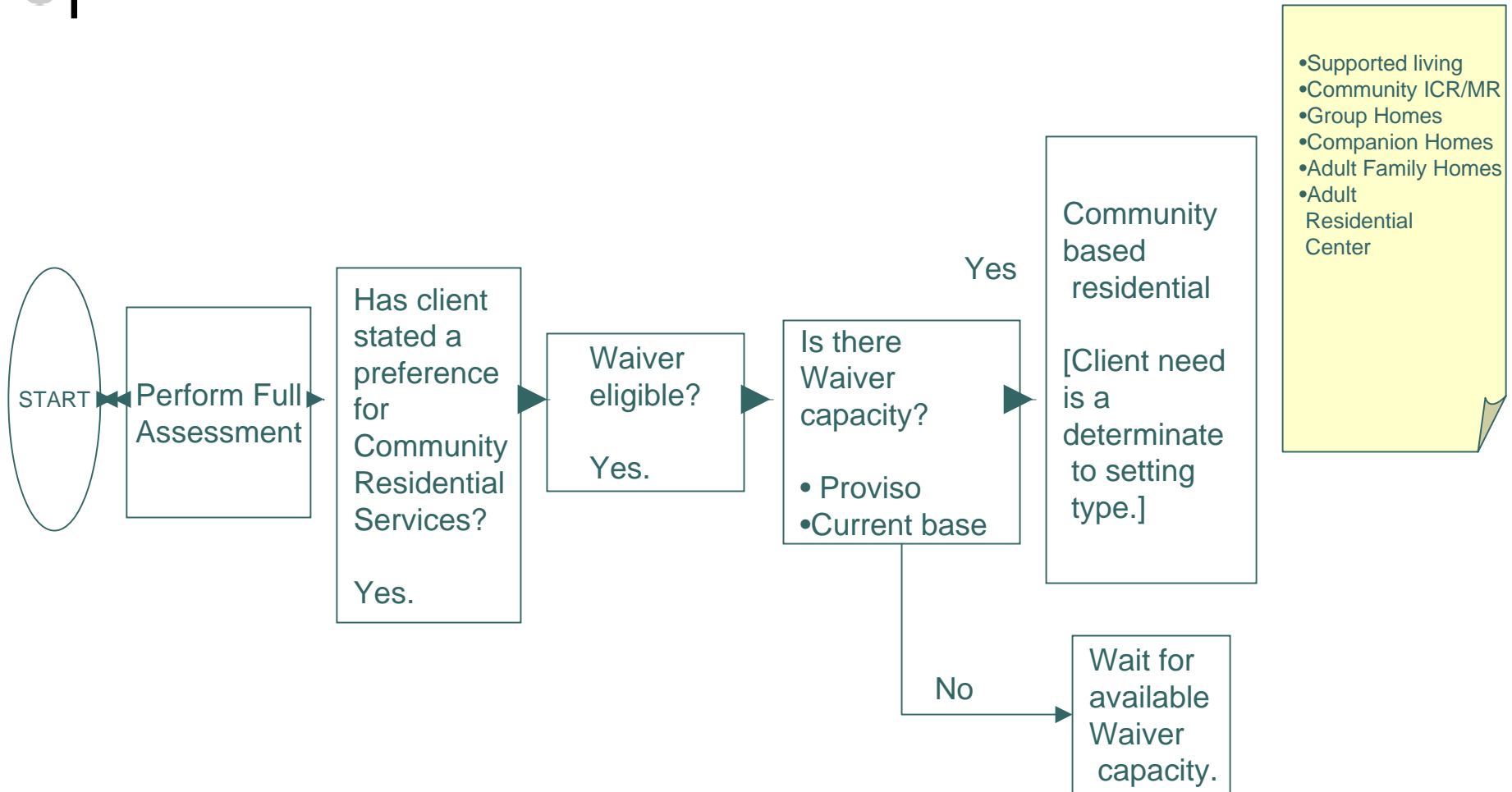


Initial Adult Assessment for Community Services





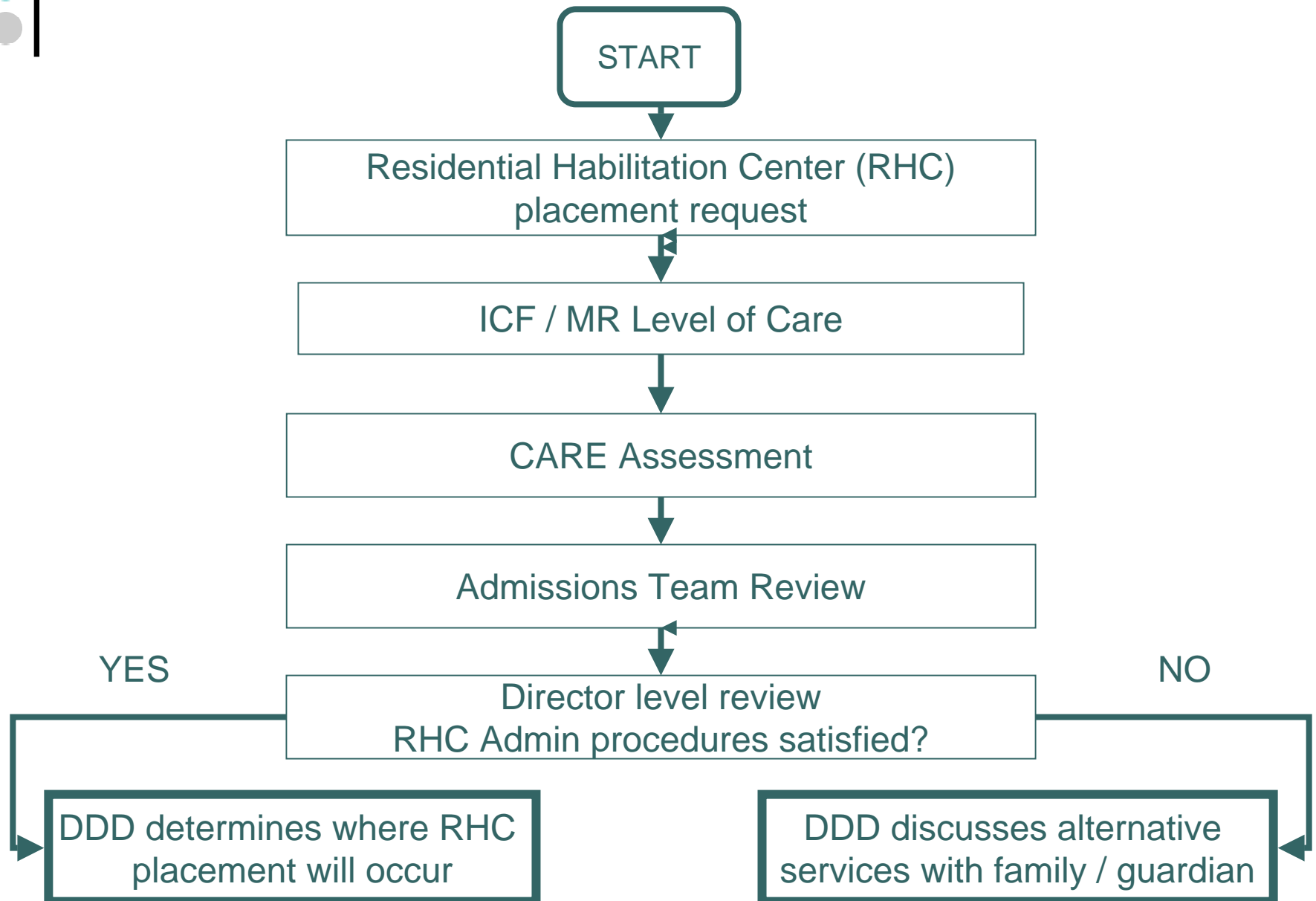
Adult Full Assessment for Community Residential Services



If a client requests an RHC placement the RHC assessment process is utilized.
Please refer to the RHC Placement Slide.

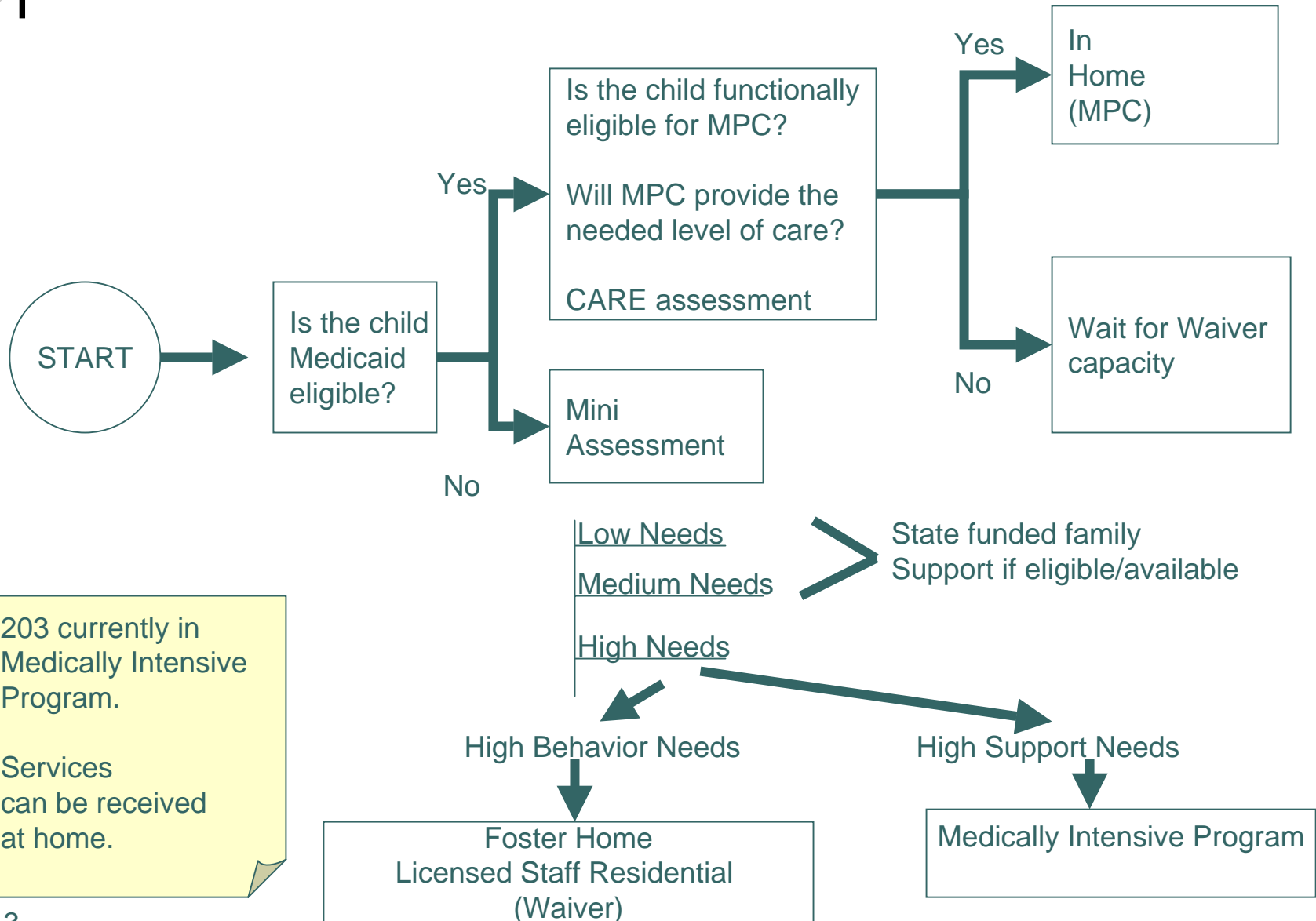


Assessment for RHC Placement





Child Assessment for Residential Services





Mini Assessment for current clients not receiving DDD paid services

